

A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR JOSE SEGARRA



Dear Residents,

You expect and deserve the very best City services for the tax dollars you invest. While it is always challenging to balance revenues and expenditures, our staff continues to try to maximize every dollar to your benefit.

Throughout this issue, you will see your tax dollars at work. From public safety to public works and volunteers to recreation for people and pets, we strive daily to meet our mission to provide municipal services that improve your quality of life.

The annual budget and plan of municipal services is our foundation for providing services. It allocates resources and sets the course for what we will achieve in the coming fiscal year.

The Charter requires the City Manager to present a proposed budget to City Council each year at least 45 days prior to the October 1 start of the fiscal year. City Council then spends a number of weeks deliberating the proposal before adopting the budget by September 20.

In a series of workshops, the Council prioritized expectations for this year's budget for the City Manager. The proposed budget he presented August 1 addressed many of those priorities fully or partially.

Now it is your turn to weigh in on the proposed budget. You can view the entire document along with presentations, videos and more online. This is your budget, so please review it and give us your input.

FISCAL YEAR 2018 BUDGET IN BRIEF

City Manager Ron Olson presented the proposed budget and plan of municipal services to City Council at a special meeting August 1. The City Council is now deliberating the proposal in advance of the scheduled budget adoption September 19. Fiscal Year 2018 will begin October 1 and end September 30, 2018.

Olson began development of the financial plan in February upon taking the city manager post. His budgeting process first estimates revenue then allocates expenditures within the expected revenue. He utilizes assumptions, projections, trends and benchmarks in planning. He works with staff to achieve efficiencies and advancement, and he solicits

Council's short- and long-term priorities. The proposed budget is the result of this thorough process and is a thoughtful and measured plan for both the coming year and future sustainability.

The Fiscal Year 2018 Proposed Budget is balanced with \$181 million in revenues exceeding \$180 million in total expenditures. There is no proposed tax rate increase and no proposed fee increases. The fund balance in the General Fund is projected to end at 22.41%.

While the budget does make some reductions in spending and personnel, departmental budgets were planned to meet core missions and maintain service levels to the extent possible.

BUDGET CALENDAR

August 1

Proposed Budget Delivered

August

Budget Workshops

August 22

Budget Public Hearing
Preliminary Tax Rate Set

September

Budget Workshops

September 5

Tax Rate Public Hearing

September 12

Budget Public Hearing
Tax Rate Public Hearing

September 19

Budget Adoption

October 1

Fiscal Year 2018 Begins

The annual budget is a complicated document, and we have worked to provide it to the public in an understandable format. We have created a central budget webpage, KilleenTexas.gov/Budget, so that all of the documents, presentations, notices and updates are in one location. We will also be filming all of the budget meetings and workshops to give you a clear, transparent view of the process.

You will have opportunities to weigh in on the proposed budget at a series of public hearings. You can also email us at citybudget@killeentexas.gov. Your input is important in this process so that the budget is one that the community supports.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT OCTOBER 3

Join the fight against crime in Killeen at the 34th annual National Night Out October 3 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Neighbors across Killeen are invited to participate by locking your doors, turning on your outside lights and getting to know your neighbors.

National Night Out is a crime and drug prevention event designed to strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. Join in sending a message to criminals that you and your neighbors are organized and fighting back against crime and drugs.

Some neighborhoods have been hosting National Night Out events for decades, and some are starting new. A cookout, an ice cream social or a neighbor-



hood walk are all great ways to bring people together.

Uniting around the common goal of kicking crime out of neighborhoods has proven effective. Whether through National Night Out events or a Neighborhood Watch, working together is the key element in community safety.

Killeen Police and Fire personnel and McGruff the Crime Dog will be making the rounds to visit every National Night Out gathering. Those who serve will meet those they serve to create a stronger bond between public safety and the community.

If you are planning an event or would like to attend one, contact Tammy Moseley at 501-8805 or tmoseley@killeentexas.gov for more information.

WE'VE GOT GOOD NEWS KILLEEN!

Are you looking for some good news for a change? Cut out the middle man and come to the City for positive press daily through the Good News Killeen initiative.

Using a multi-faceted approach to connect directly with you, Killeen is pushing out the good news stories that traditional media may overlook.

We put it in print like this newsletter and other publications you receive in your water bill. It's important that we highlight how your City is working for you.

You have a 24-hour City Hall at KilleenTexas.gov. This website is the hub for City of Killeen information with the latest news releases along with useful information like locations and hours. More advanced content includes meeting agendas and the finan-

cial transparency portal. The site is increasingly interactive featuring online bill payment, work order submission and registration.

If a picture is worth a thousand words, Killeen is saying millions. *Good News Killeen* is our bi-



weekly program produced to highlight new and exciting happenings.

We're also producing program videos, documentary-style short films and commercials for the line-up on Channel 10, the website and our YouTube channel.

We're on Facebook! It's our most interactive platform. Nearly 13,000 people like us, and we hope you're one. Like, share and get answers instantly!

GET WITH THE FLOW

The Water and Sewer Division is using new equipment to improve the flow of their services. The City has 602 miles of sewer line and 670 miles of water line that provide you daily service, and keeping them flowing takes diligent maintenance.

To detect sewer blockages in the City system, staff is now using a Sewer Line Rapid Assessment Tool. Workers are applying the tool across the city, systematically checking every sewer main line. The Sewer Line Rapid Assessment Tool uses a microphone and a receiver at opposite ends of a sewer main to find obstructions by sound. The microphone puts out an audible sound when the tool is being used that residents might hear, but you should not be alarmed.



Staff is using correlating noise loggers which utilize 3G and GPRS technology to provide remote location of leaks in water distribution networks. The system is deployed in underground chambers, and the data is collected automatically each day to pinpoint water line leaks.

Evaluating the City's entire water and sewer infrastructure is estimated to take a few years, but the work will have no effect on your water and sewer service.

Motorists may see workers performing tests in roadways, so please pay attention and obey signage.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY IS OCTOBER 28

One of the qualities that makes Killeen great is our shared desire to serve.



MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

Make a Difference Day, the national day of doing good, is an annual opportunity to serve our community. Gather a group today and plan to participate October 28!

More than 3,100 volunteers worked on 68 registered projects last year, and you are the key to making 2017 an even bigger community success.

Make a Difference Day project proposals are being accepted

now. Projects can be completed by an individual or group and can benefit an individual or group. They can be accomplished in one day or over multiple days. Past projects have included food drives, roadway cleanups and home repairs for the elderly.

Project adoption begins September 1. If you know a group that's interested in participating, or if you would like to join the efforts of others, Killeen Volun-

teers can help match you with a project.

Learn more about making

a difference at the Make a Difference Day Kick Off September 7 at 6 p.m. at the Killeen Community Center. Projects can be proposed and adopted at the kick off event and at any time through October 24.

More information about this and other volunteer opportunities is available at KilleenTexas.gov/Volunteer or by calling the Killeen Volunteer Center at 501-7878.

STATEWIDE TEXTING BAN SEPTEMBER 1

The State of Texas has enacted a statewide ban on texting and emailing while driving. The ban, which does not prohibit calling use, takes effect September 1.

In general, it will be an offense under state law to use a wireless communication device to read, write or send an electronic message while operating a motor vehicle unless the vehicle is stopped. The new law applies to the entire state including Killeen.

First offenses are punishable by fines of \$25 to \$99. Subsequent offenses are punishable by fines of \$100 to \$200. Points will not be assigned to drivers licenses for these violations.

There are a number of exceptions to the law. An offense is not committed if text or email messages are sent while using a hands-free device. It is also not

an offense to use navigation, search or music functions. Finally, a person may use any function of a mobile device while driving to report illegal activity, summon emergency help or to obtain information related to traffic or road conditions.

The Texas Legislature continues to debate this issue, so the law may still change.

The wireless device ban in active school zones is more restrictive and remains in place. This law applies to all uses of a wireless device, regardless of the function. Use of a wireless device in an active school zone is prohibited unless it is hands-free. The fine for wireless device use in a school zone is up to \$200.

For more information about driving laws in Texas, visit DPS.Texas.gov.

SENIOR SECTION

Killeen seniors ages 55 and up are invited to the Senior Health Fair September 15 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Lions Club Park Senior Center. The fair will feature information tables for businesses and organizations that provide goods and services specific to senior citizens in our community.

Attendees will enjoy FREE health screenings, entertainment, door prizes and more! The event is open to the public. Call 501-6399 for more information.

Killeen Senior Centers

Lions Park Senior Center

Monday through Friday
8 am to 4 pm (9 pm Tuesdays)
Phone: 501-6399

Bob Gilmore Senior Center

Monday through Friday
8 am to 4 pm (9 pm Thursdays)
Phone: 501-6554

Membership is free for those 55 or older and spouse. Centers offer lunch and activities daily. Visit KilleenTexas.gov/Seniors for more information.



Killeen is in Stage 1 — voluntary water conservation through September 30.

Please do your part and take daily steps to prevent the wasting of water. Repair leaks, don't let water run and reuse water when possible. Go to KilleenTexas.gov/WCP for more information.

KILLEEN UP!

Keep Killeen Beautiful needs your help to clean up the creek at Long Branch Park September 23!

Volunteers will meet at Pavilion 1 at Long Branch Park (1101 Branch Drive) at 8 a.m. before spreading out along the banks of the creek to remove plastic bags, cigarette butts and other litter. Supplies will be provided.



WOOF IT UP

Calling all dogs! Barktoberfest is back by pup-ular demand!

Join the FREE furry fun Saturday, October 7, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Lions Club Park. All dogs, big and small, are welcome.

Canine attractions will include the Pooch Pageant, demonstrations, shelter adoptions and vendors with giveaways.

Dogs will have their day when they take over the Family Aquatics Center. Pups, and their parents, can take the plunge to swim and play.



Dogs should arrive leashed but can run free in the off-leash play area and pool.

PROTECT YOUR PETS

1

SHADE & WATER
 Protect your pets from the sun's rays and keep them hydrated.

3

NO ASPHALT
 If it's too hot for bare feet, it's too hot for bare paws.

5

NO CARS
 Never leave a pet in the car, not even with the window cracked.

2

HEAT STROKE
 Excessive panting, discolored gums and mobility problems are signs of heat stroke. Seek veterinary attention immediately if you notice any of these.

4

LIMIT EXERCISE
 Don't let playful pets overexert themselves in the heat.

KILLEEN PARKS & RECREATION & YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION PRESENT

Back 2 School Splash Bash

AUGUST 19

6 - 8 PM

@ LONG BRANCH PARK

- FREE & OPEN TO KIDS 12 & UNDER
- GAMES & PRIZES
- WATER BOUNCIES & SLIDES
- MOVIE AT DUSK (The LEGO Batman Movie)

SWIM ATTIRE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 501-6390 OR VISIT KILLEENTEXAS.GOV/PARKS

FALL SPORTS

Youth and adult Fall sports are registering now!

Girls Volleyball (ages 7 - 11)
 Register: Aug 14 - Sep 8
 Season Starts: Sep 23
 Cost: \$45/player

Youth Flag Football (ages 5 - 13)
 Register: Aug 14 - Sep 8
 Season Starts: Sep 23
 Cost: \$45/player

Girls Basketball (ages 7 - 12)
 Register: Oct 9 - Nov 10
 Season Starts: Dec 9
 Cost: \$45/player

Adult Softball (age 17 & up)
 Register: Aug 7 - Sep 8
 Season Starts: Sep 25
 Cost: \$350/team

Adult Flag Football (ages 17 & up)
 Register: Sep 18 - Oct 20
 Season Starts: Oct 29
 Cost: \$350/team

KilleenTexas.gov/Parks
501-6390